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Transmit following message from President to Mba as President of UAM

in reply latter's telegram of October 24:

TO: Dear Mr. President:

I received and appreciated your telegram of October 24 in which you indicated that you hoped an agreement could be reached regarding the Cuban situation through negotiations and without recourse to force. I have consistently hoped and continue to hope that this will be possible. Recent developments would appear to support this possibility.

I believe that the African States, especially those of the Afro-Malagasy Union, can well appreciate and share the sentiments of regional solidarity which caused the American States to stand together against this unwarranted and surreptitious intrusion of offensive weapons into Cuba.

I also believe that the African States are well aware of what the effect

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on African solidarity and peace might be if a similar situation were to develop on their continent. The historic solidarity of the nations of the Western Hemisphere was originally motivated by the same desire which now animates African nations in their efforts to promote African solidarity--namely, the desire to preserve their new-found freedom from external interference in their affairs. Like the African States, the American States do not wish to be recolonized.

Against this background, the Council of the Organization of American States met on October 23. It concluded that it was confronted with a situation that might endanger the peace of America within the meaning of Article 6 of the Rio Treaty. It called for the immediate dismantling and withdrawal of all missile and other offensive weapons from Cuba and recommended that the member states take all measures including the use of armed force to ensure that this be done. The quarantine which was imposed represented a minimal effort to achieve the stated objective and, therefore, ~~fell~~ within the terms of the resolution of the Organization of American States which latter in ~~turn~~ ^{turn} was entirely consistent with the Charter of the United Nations.

I hope, Mr. President, that you and the other ~~member~~ leaders of the Afro-Malagasy Union will continue to give your understanding, advice and support for the efforts of the United States and the other American States to preserve their security which is also important to the security of Africa and the Free World. I trust, therefore, that you will wish to forward a copy of this letter to all Chiefs of State of the Afro-Malagasy Union. Sincerely, John F. Kennedy.

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Assuming Mba agrees, in order facilitate expeditious delivery of copy of message to other eleven UAM Chiefs of State, suggest you offer your facilities to him. This may be indispensable if common cypher lacking among UAM States.

Dept does not intend and make President's letter public and assumes Mba and other UAM Chiefs of State will not do so.

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